GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MONITORING OF AFFORESTATION PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount given to Rajasthan for afforestation under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the total areas covered under the said scheme in the State during the above period;

(c) whether the progress of afforestation is monitored by any central agency;

(d) if so, the details alongwith the report of the said agency thereof; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government on the report/comments of the said agency?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b) The total financial assistance given to Rajasthan for afforestation under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Ministry of Environment and Forests during the last three years and area covered thereunder are as under:

Year	Released (Rs. in lakh)	Physical Achievement (Area in ha.)
1997-98	643.36	5000
1998-99	663.05	8100
1999-2000	684.84	8070

(c),(d) & (e) The NAEB in the Ministry of Environment and Forests mounts the independent evaluation of tree planting activities through various agencies and experts in the select districts of the country. These studies reveal that in Rajasthan while there are location-wise and species-wise variation, the overall survival rate ranges from 42.36% to 95.30%. The State Government has been requested to take necessary action to ensure that survival of sapling plants is higher.